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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 October 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-8, and 11-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-8 and 11-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed on 10/10/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's remark on page 2, Applicant argues that the Olkkonen reference does not teach "a control unit for providing, through the user interface, information on the peripheral devices connectable to a wireless communication device, and, if the at least one desired device is selected through the user interface, establishing a connection to only the at least one desired device, and not attempting a connection to undesired devices", as recited in claims 1, 8, and 15.

In response to applicant's arguments as stated above, Examiner respectfully disagrees with the Applicant's argument. Olkkonen teaches a control unit for providing, through the user interface (see figure 2A, the wireless device 100 is included a processor 210 for controlling all the elements and the application programs of the device 100, such as keypad 208 or display 212), information on the peripheral devices (telephone, printer, fax) connectable to a wireless communication device, and, if said at least one desired device is selected through the user interface, establishing a connection to only said at least one desired device, and not attempting a connection to undesired devices (it is clearly seen that in figure 1, if the user want to use printer or fax in the ad hoc network. The user can select step b in the sub menu, for example, if the user want to print the document from the device 100, the use select the printer that appear on the display 212 and the device 100 only establish the connection with the

selected printer in the ad hoc network to print out the data, and after the device 100 is connected to the selected printer, the device 100 cannot communicate with other printers in the ad-hoc network as arguing by the applicant, [0094]). Furthermore, as shown in figure 2C, if the user decide to connect to the Bob's device that list on the display 212, the user select Bob's access-code then the device 100 is only connected to Bob's device, [0042]. Therefore, Olkkonen read on claim invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11, and 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olkkonen et al. (Pub. No.: U.S. 2005/0088980, hereinafter, "Olkkonen") in view of Rune et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,901,057, hereinafter, "Rune").**

Regarding claim 1, Olkkonen teaches a Bluetooth wireless communication apparatus (see figure 1, Bluetooth wireless device 100) for identifying devices connectable to ad-hoc networks (see figure 1, wireless device 100 connects to Ad HOC network 102, 112), comprising:

a user interface enabling a user to select at least one desired device among peripheral devices (see figure 1, figure 3B, display 212, [0123-0140]); and

a control unit for providing (it is inherent that the wireless device 100 is included a controller for controlling all the elements and the application program of the device 100, such as keypad or display), through the user interface (display 212), information on the peripheral devices (telephone, printer, fax) connectable to a wireless communication device, and, if said at least one desired device is selected through the user interface, establishing a connection to only said at least one desired device, out of the peripheral devices (see figure 1, [0123-0140]), and not attempting a connection to undesired devices (it is clearly seen that in figure 1, if the user want to use printer or fax in the ad hoc network. The user can select step b in the sub menu, for example, if the user want to print the document from the device 100, the use select the printer that appear on the display 212 and the device 100 only establish the connection with the selected printer in the ad hoc network to print out the data of the device 100, and after the device 100 is communicated with the selected printer, the device 100 cannot communicate with the other printer in the ad-hoc network as arguing by the applicant, [0094]), and

wherein the control unit sends an inquiry to search for said connectable peripheral devices (see [0114-0140], the mobile 100 send an inquiry message when arrives within AD HOC network), receives inquiry responses including device information from said at least one of said peripheral devices that has received the inquiry (see [0114-0140], the mobile 100 receives the response from slave in the AD HOC network), and provides information on said at least one of the peripheral devices that received the inquiry (see [0114-0140], mobile 100 will display the device, which detect in AD HOC network on the display 212).

It should be noticed that Olkkonen fails to teach the device information is contained in unused portions of a frequency hop synchronization (FHS) packet used for an inquiry response message, and the unused portions of the FHS packet are an Undefined field and an AM ADDR field. However, Rune teaches such features (see figure 4, col.4, ln.50-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Rune into view of Olkkonen in order to carry the information for transmitting the data between the master and slave in the piconet.

Regarding claim 4, Olkkonen further teaches a liquid crystal display (LCD) unit for displaying various information, and the various information on the peripheral devices being displayed on the LCD unit in a form of a character string (see figure 1, display 212).

Regarding claim 6, Olkkonen further teaches the control unit sends an inquiry to search for a first group of peripheral devices in a directly connectable wireless range (see figure 1, mobile 100 sends inquiry message to AD HOC network 102), receives inquiry responses including device information from at least one of the peripheral devices that has received the inquiry (mobile 100 receive the response from slave in piconet, [0099-0100]), and, if service attributes of said at least one of the peripheral devices is collected from the received device information and said at least one of the peripheral devices has one of a group ad-hoc network ability and scatternet ability (piconet) ([0029-0045), searches for said at least one of the peripheral devices

connectable to corresponding devices and further displays the connectable corresponding devices as information on said at least one of the peripheral devices (see figure 1, display 212, [0114-0140]).

Regarding claim 7, Olkkonen further teaches if the received service attributes one of support a group ad-hoc network service and indicate the scattenet ability, the control requests the corresponding devices to discover more peripheral devices (see figure 1A, AD HOC network and piconet network such as Bluetooth, [0114-0140]).

Regarding claims 8 and 15, Olkkonen teaches a wireless communication method of indicating devices connectable to ad-hoc networks for a Bluetooth-embedded wireless communication apparatus (see figure 1, Bluetooth wireless device 100) which has an input unit for enabling a user to input desired values (see figure 1, keypad 208) and a display unit for displaying various information (see figure 1, display 212), the wireless communication method comprising steps of:

providing through the display unit information on peripheral devices in a range connectable to the wireless communication apparatus (see figure 1, display 212, [0081-0087]); and

if a device to which the user wants to connect is selected through the input unit, establishing a connection to only the device to which the user wants to connect, and not attempting a connection to device to which the user does not want to connect (it is clearly seen that in figure 1, if the user want to use printer or fax in the ad hoc network. The user can select step b in the sub menu, for example, if the user want to print the document from the device 100, the use select the printer that appear on the display 212

and the device 100 only establish the connection with the selected printer in the ad hoc network to print out the data of the device 100, and after the device 100 is communicated with the selected printer, the device 100 cannot communicate with the other printer in the ad-hoc network as arguing by the applicant, [0094]),

wherein the step of providing information through the display unit comprises steps of sends an inquiry to search for said connectable peripheral devices (see [0114-0140], the mobile 100 send an inquiry message when arrives within AD HOC network), receives inquiry responses including device information from said at least one of said peripheral devices that has received the inquiry (see [0114-0140], the mobile 100 receives the response from slave in the AD HOC network), and provides information on said at least one of the peripheral devices that received the inquiry (see [0114-0140], mobile 100 will display the device, which detect in AD HOC network on the display 212).

It should be noticed that Olkkonen fails to teach the device information is contained in unused portions of a frequency hop synchronization (FHS) packet used for an inquiry response message, and the unused portions of the FHS packet are an Undefined field and an AM ADDR field. However, Rune teaches such features (see figure 4, col.4, ln.50-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Rune into view of Olkkonen in order to carry the information for transmitting the data between the master and slave in the piconet.

Regarding claim 11, Olkkonen further teaches a liquid crystal display (LCD) unit for displaying various information, and the various information on the peripheral devices being displayed on the LCD unit in a form of a character string (see figure 1, display 212).

Regarding claim 13, Olkkonen further teaches the control unit sends an inquiry to search for a first group of peripheral devices in a directly connectable wireless range (see figure 1, mobile 100 sends inquiry message to AD HOC network 102), receives inquiry responses including device information from at least one of the peripheral devices that has received the inquiry (mobile 100 receive the response from slave in piconet, [0099-0100]), and, if service attributes of said at least one of the peripheral devices is collected from the received device information and said at least one of the peripheral devices has one of a group ad-hoc network ability and scatternet ability (piconet)([0029-0045), searches for said at least one of the peripheral devices connectable to corresponding devices and further displays the connectable corresponding devices as information on said at least one of the peripheral devices (see figure 1, display 212, [0114-0140]).

Regarding claim 14, Olkkonen further teaches if the received service attributes one of support a group ad-hoc network service and indicate the scatternet ability, the control requests the corresponding devices to discover more peripheral devices (see figure 1A, AD HOC network and piconet network such as Bluetooth, [0114-0140]).

4. Claims 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olkkonen et al. (Pub. No.: U.S. 2005/0088980, hereinafter, Olkkonen") in view of Rune et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,901,057, hereinafter, "Rune") as applied to claims 1 and 8 above, and further in view of Muthuswamy et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 2004/0204151, hereinafter, "Muthuswamy").

Regarding claims 5 and 12, Olkkonen and Rune, in combination, disclosed all the limitation of claims 5 and 12, except speaker for producing sound. However, Muthuswamy teaches such features (see figure 4, speaker 308).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Muthuswamy into view of Olkkonen and Rune in order to provide the audio to the user.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan A. Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-8097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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